

CITY INTELLIGENCE. THE COAL TRADE.

The Writ of Quo Warranto Against the Railroad Companies—The Attorney-General and the Governor on the Coal Difficulty—An Effect of the Late Riots—Proceedings in the Scranton Region—The Progress of Arbitration—Summary of the Trade for the Week.

The Attorney-General of the State, who on last Saturday, by the order of his Excellency Governor Fry, made application in the Supreme Court for writs of quo warranto against the large coal railroad corporations of the State, has by the order of the court, after a long trial of judicial proceedings which will give something to do to the courts, the companies, and, last, but not least, to the Attorney-General, for it might almost be said—ages to come. What the value of this move may be cannot as yet be seen, but it is very clear a reason for it on the ground of expediency. But this expediency has, however, nothing whatever to do with the question of a settlement of the coal difficulties.

The fact of the matter was, as it is generally understood, though not expressed, that the outrageous state of affairs in the upper coal region—which were outrageous, notwithstanding all the smoothing over and smoothing up of the facts by the miners and those who favor them—compelled the Governor to take some active measures for the maintenance of order. A neglect of this upon his part would immediately set against him a large number of his remaining friends who are in favor of the law and order. But any such active measures against the coal laws miners could be construed on the part of the Governor, with great sacrifice to himself, had he been endeavoring to conciliate at Harrisburg. A sacrifice of their good will and esteem, even with the gain of the good opinion of the wretched and ungrateful miners, would be thought of, for miners have votes. Votes, according to the Governor's plans, will soon be very desirable to that personage, and every vote upon a winning side is precious. To obtain a vote as to how to rattle both horns of the dilemma, the Governor goes to the Attorney-General, and the Attorney-General, like a good physician, recommends a method of treatment which would act as a soporific upon the miners, whose troublesome and much-feared powers are ever on the alert, and at the same time, without his knowledge, would work as a tonic upon the Governor's weak nerves. It is recommended that a show of impartial judicial chastisement be made right and left; that the military and the terrors of the law be invoked to put down disorder on the one hand, and on the other a writ of quo warranto, which should accompany it, be shaken in the face of the great companies. "Not that the great companies fear the writ at all," the Attorney-General might remark, "but yet that it will do the least particle of good, but then, you know, the miners don't know what a writ of quo warranto is, and will suppose that it is right, and they will give the railroad companies." The latter part may be filed in with the only expressive style of language in use at Harrisburg.

The act of filing the writs before the railroad companies is about equivalent to the threat of the small boy who, when his adversary has reached the paternal mansion, the safely distant village, or the place which he pokes his head with fingers at nose in defiance, tells the fortified party to come out and get a "licking" which cannot be administered on account of the existing circumstances. To all such challenges the candidate for the honors of defeat replies only with the uplifted finger, and declines to come out. The railroad companies are safely in position behind a bulwark of law and right, which, by the decision both of legislative committee and Supreme Court, they have not transgressed. The Attorney-General, however, has the small boys though in great men's clothing, are challenging the companies to transgress, or to come out, so that they can be "licked," while the companies, not desiring to be licked, decline to do so.

The move is in accordance with the regular political principle of conciliation on both sides when an office is desired, and it will take but a very short-sighted person to see the motive that actuated it. But that it will do no good in the present difficulty is conceded on all sides. The railroad companies and legal authorities say and believe that no decision of any kind on the question can be reached by the courts under eighteen months, and even the miners express their belief that it is not expected much sooner. But it must be remembered that a decision rendered at that early day will be in favor of the companies, because it is in the nature of time that it can get through the machinery of the court. If it suits unfavorably to the companies it will be fought by the companies to the death, and unnumbered years will be consumed in its litigation. The best thing that could be done would be when the Governor supposes that his mining friends are sufficiently reconciled, to bring the matter to the whole matter drop. By this means much expense would be saved to the Commonwealth and the companies, the money being used in some other way, and the Attorney-General and the Governor would be free to engage in causes more needful of their attention.

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A COURSE OF TWO INTERESTING LECTURES will be given in Rev. Dr. Wylie's Church, Broad Street, below Spruce, beginning at 8 P. M. The first lecture will be delivered by Rev. E. G. Trimmer, D. D., of New York, on Tuesday, April 18, Subject, "Around the World—How to Go; What to See; What it Costs." The second lecture will be delivered by Rev. John H. B. D., on Tuesday, April 19, Subject, "Personal Power." We recommend these lectures as being eminently instructive and interesting. Tickets may be procured at the church on the evening of each lecture respectively.

DUNK AND RECKLESS.—A farmer of Dublin township, Bucks county, named Henry Detwiler, came to town yesterday, sold his load of hay, received the money, and then got gloriously drunk. In the excess of his delight he drove up Ridge avenue with a pace which might have answered very well for a race-course, but which did not suit the streets of Philadelphia. He was discovered when they were death would have stepped in and relieved the misery. The circumstances surrounding this case are of the most painful nature. The mother is in mourning, having been sent there for the heinous crime of having thrown a bottle of vitriol in a neighbor's face, and the father is a drunken sot. The little child, the best kind of fruit-bearing trees, and are now in the St. John's Orphan Asylum.

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